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The Supreme Court of Michigan
Attn: Clerk

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Re: I Totally object the proposed rule 2003-47

As a steelworker second generation for over 25 years, the companies that made products for our industry treated us in the steel making industry no less than guinea pigs. They had full prior knowledge of how unhealthy and hazardous and lethal these products were. But they made a choice of profits over life and health. I am appalled and sicken by the ominous thought of this proposal 2003-47.

This malicious rule proposal 2003-47 is a fallacy; it is not about an overload court docket. A system has been put in place to slow due process down and reduce liability. It is not even the slightest remorse for these exposed victims' which is a shame. It is about a group of inept law firms that are working for Asbestos manufacturers that wish only to escape their responsibility to their employees and us in the industries who used their lethal products.

It is also about a group of lawyers and law firms wanting control over our legal system by denying exposed victims a given right. A right to a trial by jury, the real irony of this is there has only been one (1) trial for Asbestos exposure heard in our court system in the past four (4) years from what I have read. This in no Way would demonstrate an over whelmed court docket or system as the law firm of Dickinson & Wright or other firms are complaining.

Again, it is about nothing less than greed and control for these want to be high breed law firms along with the desirer to remove the responsibilities for the companies they represent. And what is further unacceptable is their wanting to not allow me the right to my day in court and trial by jury.

And to compound my anger is the fact that Dickinson & Wright is a large and very connected law firm that has many ties to elected and appointed Government Representatives as well as many Judges. They also have a lackey, "The President of the American Bar Association, Dennis Archer" is it possible that even some of the Judges that preside on the Supreme Court of Michigan? If it is true, it reeks the appearance of improprieties and could or may possible promote possible wrongdoing, If heard by those in question. This merits an investigation prior to being heard by our Supreme Court of Michigan.

There is only one answer! Let these exposed victims have their day in court by a jury trial. Let the judges enforce the laws and Dickinson & Wright and other law firms argue the law.

This issue proposed rule 2003-47 should be waged by our state legislators per our constitution, not by the Supreme Court of Michigan where again there could be strong ties by law firms and there could be a more sympathetic audience towards them.

In closing we the Steel Workers were the Guinea Pigs for these companies. We had the most exposure, some of our companies have closed so the little settlements we received helps pay for the medicine and the long-term health care we would not normally be able to afford. We did not ask to be exposed to these deadly materials, which has destroyed our lives, and the lives of our loved ones.

Please deny this rule change it has only one merit, "Greed" and to trounce on our right to due process by trial. Where will it stop? These companies and law firms are truly like PIG'S at the TROUGH. Enough is enough.

Cordially,

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